

Appl. No. 10/777,524
Amdt. dated October 12, 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This filing is a divisional of co-pending application 10/290,631 filed November 8, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/546,049 filed April 10, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,479,638, which is a divisional application of 08/985,950, filed December 5, 1997, and now U.S. Pat. No. 6,140,076, which claims benefit from Provisional Patent Applications 60/032,252, filed December 6, 1996, 60/033,181, filed December 16, 1996, and 60/041,279, filed March 21, 1997, each of which is incorporated by reference.--